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Honoring the life of media reporting giant David Brinkley, and expressing the deepest condolences of the Senate to his family on his death.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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MR. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mrs. DOLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of media reporting giant David Brinkley, and expressing the deepest condolences of the Senate to his family on his death.

Whereas the Senate has learned with sadness of the death of David Brinkley;

Whereas David Brinkley, born in Wilmington, NC, greatly distinguished himself as a newspaper reporter, radio correspondent, and television correspondent;

Whereas David Brinkley attended the University of North Carolina and served in the North Carolina National Guard;

Whereas David Brinkley's first job in Washington was covering the White House in 1943 for NBC as a radio reporter;

Whereas David Brinkley co-anchored “The Huntley-Brinkley Report,” along with Chet Huntley, which was widely popular during the 1960s;

Whereas David Brinkley hosted “This Week With David Brinkley” for fifteen years and it was the number one Sunday program when he retired in 1996;

Whereas David Brinkley covered eleven presidents, four wars, twenty two political conventions, a moon landing and three assassinations;

Whereas David Brinkley wrote three books, won ten Emmy awards, six Peabody Awards, and in 1992, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation’s highest civilian honor;

Whereas David Brinkley is considered by many to be the premier broadcast journalist of his time; and

Whereas David Brinkley was well known for his wry sense of humor, fundamental decency, gentlemanly charm, and his one-of-a-kind writing style, and will forever be remembered by his friends, colleagues, and the countless members of the television audience he touched week to week over his more than fifty year career: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) pays tribute to the outstanding career of
3 David Brinkley;

4 (2) expresses its deepest condolences to his
5 family; and

1 (3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to direct
2 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of
3 David Brinkley.

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